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SUMMARY: GOVT BANS EOKA-B. CALL ON "WANTED MEN"
RETURN HOME BY APRIL 27. BAN FOLLOWS TWO EOKA-B RAIDS.
COULD RESULT IN VIOLENCE. END SUMMARY

1. EVENING APRIL 25 GOVT FORMALLY DECLARED EOKA-B
"ILLEGAL ORGANIZATION" UNDER ARTICLE 63-D OF CRIMINAL CODE.
(INTER ALIA, ARTICLE PROHIBITS ORGANIZATIONS WHICH RESORT TO
ACTS DISTURBING PEACE.) BAN, WHICH INITIALLY IN EFFECT FOR
12-MONTH PERIOD, LAST INVOKED AGAINST NATIONAL FRONT IN 1969.
HENCEFORTH, MEMBERSHIP IN EOKA-B ATTENDANCE AT ITS
MEETINGS, OR ADVOCACY OF ITS GOALS, WILL BE PUNISHABLE BY U
TO THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT. PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR EOKA-B
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COULD RESULT IN FIVE YEARS SENTENCE AND LEADERS WILL FACE JAIL

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TERM OF UP TO SEVEN YEARS. PIO HINTED ORDER COULD BE EXTENDED TO COVER ESEA (COMMITTEE FOR COALITION OF ENOSIS STRUGGLE(.

2. ANNOUNCING BAN, MAKARIOS CALLED UPON "WANTED MEN" TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES BY NOON APRIL 27, NOTIFYING POLICE OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS, OR FACE PROSECUTION. (CALL APPARENTLY DIRECTED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE WANTED, BUT NOT RPT NOT APPREHENDED, WHEN AMNESTY DECLARED FOLLOWING GRIVAS' DEATH) PIO CLARIFIED THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS WOULD NOT RPT NOT NOT BE REQUIRED TURN IN ARMS AT THIS TIME.

3. BAN FOLLOWS APRIL 22 EOKA RAID ON ANGLISSIDES VILLAGE (NICOSIA 709) AND SIMILAR APRIL 23 ENOSIST OPERATION IN KALOPSIDHA VILLAGE (FAMAGUSTA). RAIDS APPRENTLY ENDED UN-OFFICIAL TRUCE WHICH HAD BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE GRIVAS' DEATH.

4. COMMENT: VIGOROUS GOVT EFFORT SURPRESS EOKA-B WILL RESULT IN HEIGHTENED TENSION AND, PROBABLY, SOME VIOLENCE. EMBASSY CONTINUES FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT TRU HAS CAPABILITY DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH DISSIDENT FORCES. KEY TO EOKA-B'S STAYING POWE WILL BE DEGREE OF SUPPORT, BOTH FINANCIAL AND MORAL, IT RECEIVES FROM ATHENS. IN THIS REGARD, INTERESTING THAT PIO EXPRESSED GOVT'S DETERMINAION ALSO STAMP OUT ILLEGAL PRO-MAKARIOS GROUPS IF THEY IGNORE CALL TO DISBAND AND TURN IN WEAPONS. END COMMENT.
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